

# TREMENDOUS LOSS OF LIFE IN SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE

## Great Buildings Topped Down Like Cardboard

## CONFLAGRATION FOLLOWS.

### Reports Thus Far Received Place the Death List at Over 2,000--Water System Destroyed and to Stop Spread of Flames Buildings are Blown Up-- City in a Panic.

San Francisco, April 18.—An earthquake this morning wrecked the Hobart building, in which is located the offices of the Postal Telegraph company and the Northern Pacific railway company. The shock was felt at 5:50. It is feared that many lives were lost.

Shocks were felt up to 6:30. The earthquake wrecked the waterworks and fire soon spread in all directions. There is no direct communication, both telephone companies being driven out of their buildings. All wires are down between San Francisco and Sacramento. An early estimate places the loss of life at over 1,100.

The postal office was damaged but not seriously. None of the occupants was killed, but many were injured and killed in the city. Buildings are now being blown up. At seven o'clock the work of rescue was under way, but in an unorganized manner, owing to the panic. The dead are being carried from the buildings in scores.

### Many Drop Dead of Fright.

People are fleeing from the city by thousands and in their panic many drop dead in the streets.

### DEATH LIST ESTIMATED AT 2,000 PEOPLE NOW

### Fire at Latest Report Is Getting Beyond Control and Is Licking Up Whole Streets.

Cincinnati, April 18.—The Western Union has received the following from San Francisco:

The fire is beyond control now, destroying Market street, and has reached the Palace hotel. Both the Postal and Western Union buildings were completely destroyed. The loss of life is now estimated at 2,000.

### FIFTY WHOLE BLOCKS OF STREETS DESTROYED

### Greatest Damage East and South of Market Street, and Buildings Are Almost All Down.

New York, April 18.—The Postal Telegraph company is advised that the area covered by the earthquake is about fifty blocks, in which the buildings have been almost totally destroyed. The greatest damage done was east and south of Market street to the bay. This area includes Sansome street, Mission street, Battery street, Front, Davis and Drummond streets, and from Montgomery street to the bay. The buildings on the following streets have been destroyed: First, Tremont, Beal, Main, Spear, Stuart and East South. This section was devoted largely to manufacturing enterprises. The principal banking institutions are in a quarter of the city which has not been seriously affected.

### EARTHQUAKE IN SACRAMENTO. Was the Most Severe in Fifteen Years.

Sacramento, April 18.—The strongest earthquake in 15 years occurred here this morning. The vibrations caused a panic in the hotels, but nobody was injured. Great anxiety is felt about surrounding points.

### LOSES ITS BUILDING.

Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Portland, Ore., April 18.—The Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Co. re-

ports that its main exchange in San Francisco is in flames. It adjoins the Mills building. An explosion blew the top off the building. Many lives are reported lost.

### EXTENDED OVER BIG AREA.

### Earthquake Put Down All Wires on the Union Pacific.

Ogden, Utah, April 18.—All wires on the Union Pacific railroad are down. The San Francisco earthquake seems to have extended over several hundred miles.

### WHOLE CITY IN PANIC, FREQUENT SHOCKS

### Police Are Carrying the Dead from the Buildings--There Is No Water to Fight the Flames Which Followed.

Ashfork, Arizona, April 18.—Reports of the Frisco earthquake say that the first shock was felt at 5:10. Buildings toppled and fell in every direction. The police patrol is carrying the dead from the buildings. Fire broke out in the wholesale house district and the water front and other localities with no water to fight it. The shock was felt as far south as Santa Barbara, but not at Los Angeles.

### FIRE SWEEPING ON.

### Report That Flames Have Gone Beyond Big Pacific Hotel.

### Denver, Colo., April 18.—Information has been received from San Francisco that the fire is reaching beyond the big Pacific hotel.

### MOST SEVERE EVER KNOWN.

### Is Report of Earthquake Which Reaches New York.

### 300 BODIES ALREADY.

### Have Been Taken From Ruins in San Francisco.

### Los Angeles, April 18.—Three hundred dead have already been taken out of the San Francisco ruins.

### THREE MILES OF RAILROAD SUNK OUT OF SIGHT

### Lying Between Suisun and Benicia--Big Fire Is Raging in Berkeley, Suburb of Oakland.

### WAR DEPARTMENT GETS EARLY REPORT

### Hears That Over 1,000 Were Killed and That at That Time There Were Fears of a General Conflagration.

Washington, D. C., April 18.—The war department was in communication with San Francisco for about two minutes this morning, shortly after the earthquake. The San Francisco operator said that the disaster was greater than was reported, that more than 1,000

had been killed, that the dead and injured were then being taken out of the danger zone, that the water supply had been cut off and that there were fears of a general conflagration. Fires had already broken out in several places.

### THOUSAND BUILDINGS DOWN.

### Is the Report Which Comes from New Orleans.

### SHOCK IN WASHINGTON.

### Seismograph Instrument Was Set A- Going.

### LICK HOTEL WRECKED.

### And Other Hotels in Frisco Were Dam- aged Today.

### CHICAGO, April 18.—San Francisco ad- vises that the Lick hotel was wrecked and other hotels were damaged.

### ARBITRATE ARBITRATION IS THE ONLY QUESTION

### Said the Coal Operators in Their Reply to John Mitchell Yesterday Afternoon.

New York, 18.—A sub-committee of presidents of the anthracite coal carrying railroads and mine operators who met here yesterday afternoon drew up a letter to President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America, in which the operators again declare that there is nothing to arbitrate except the question whether there shall be any arbitration. This reply is made in response to President Mitchell's recent amended proposition of arbitration. The operators do not, however, refuse point blank to accept Mr. Mitchell's latest plan. They assert that all the differences between the miners and their employers have been decided by the strike commission and that there is no reason why another attempt should be made to arbitrate them. After describing the previous steps of the two sides and commenting upon the plans suggested by the miners, the operators aver that the miners have rejected all the propositions and that they have nothing further to offer.

The fundamental principles regarding the conduct of this business have all been established by the strike commission," the operators declare. "No reason is suggested why they should be retired. We have nothing further to offer."

The operators also assert that the miners' offer to waive formal recognition of the miners' union is not material and declare that the miners' programme would increase the cost of domestic sizes of coal \$1.20 per ton.

### BUILDING BARRACKS.

### Indications That Operators Expect Hard Struggle.

Philadelphia, April 18.—It is difficult to forecast what effect the reply of the operators to the miners' latest proposition will have upon the latter. The miners almost to a man have signified their intention of standing by President Mitchell but at the same time the operators have been quietly preparing to operate their mines. Preparations made indicate that the mine owners contemplate an extended strike.

### EASY FOR VERMONT.

### Maine Boys Defeated at Burlington by Score of 10 to 4.

Burlington, April 18.—With a freshman, Collins, in the box, the varsity of Vermont easily defeated the team of Maine in the opening home game yesterday afternoon, the score being 10 to 4. If errorless support had been back of him, Collins would have held the visitors to one run. Vermont batted heavily, getting 16 hits for a total of 30 bases, while Maine secured only seven off the youngsters. Maine played a better fielding game than the home team.

### THE SCORE:

Innings ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
Vermont ..... 10 4 2 0 0 3 0 1—4  
Maine ..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1—1

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### ATTACKED ONE MAN POWER.

### Representative Towne of New York Spoke in Boston Last Night.

### Boston, April 18.—Representative Charles A. Towne of New York discussed "The One Man over in Politics" before the Massachusetts Reform club at the Hotel Brunswick last night and de- clared that in this country the speaker of the national house of representatives instead of being an officer necessary for efficient conduct of legislative business, had become a political officer who could, by the accumulated power, further the ends of the party which he represented.

### THORSTEIN B. UEBLIN, professor of political economy in the University of Chicago, also discussed the "One Man Power" academically and received close attention.

### NEW LAKE STEAMER CHRISTENED TODAY

### Miss Helen Lyman of Burlington Broke Bottle of Champagne on the Vessel's Bow--The Ticonderoga to Cost \$150,000.

### Burlington, April 18.—The new \$150,000 lake steamer under construction at Shelburne harbor for the Champlain Transportation company was success- fully launched at two o'clock this after- noon from the ways at the harbor in the presence of more than 2,000 people, many of whom came over from Burlington on the steamer Chateaugay by invitation of General Manager D. A. Leonis of the company.

### THE STEAMER WAS ALL READY FOR LAUNCH- ING AS SOON AS THE PARTY ARRIVED, and it took but a few minutes to complete the arrangements for the special launch- ing party containing officials of the com- pany and a few others, to climb aboard the new boat, when the blocks were pulled out and the Ticonderoga glided into the water as gracefully as any bird a-wing. The ceremony of christen- ing the steamer was accomplished by Miss Helen Lyman, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Lyman of this city, who broke a bottle of sparkling cham- pagne over her bow with a mallet which was made from a piece of planking se- cured from the hull of the old steamer Vermont and turned at the yard of Shelburne harbor.

### THE Mallet was tied with red, white and blue ribbons and was suitably inscribed in hand painted letters.

### Mechanics will begin at once to in- stall the machinery and the steamer will be enclosed as soon as possible and con- sumption of fuel will be reduced by July 15, taking the place of the Chateaugay, which boat will be used for excursions.

### STOPPED AFTER 4 ROUNDS.

### Peter Sullivan of Fall River Outclasses Luther Manuel.

Pawtucket, R. I., April 18.—In the exhibition of the Valley Falls athletic club last night at the clubhouse, the principal bout was that between Peter Sullivan of Fall River and Luther Manuel of Portland, Me. The intention was to have the men go 12 rounds, but after four rounds the event came to a halt by order of the referee, as Sullivan had his man on the ropes and nearly helpless.

### NEW WORLD'S RECORD IN BILLARD MATCH

### Sutton Simply Slaughtered Willie Hoppe --His Highest Run Was 234 and That Was Not Finished.

New York, April 18.—The shored and most exciting game of the world's championship billiard tournament was played here last night and a new world's record was established. George Sutton, formerly of Elmira, in defeating Willie Hoppe, the world's champion at 13.1 ball line, in the 14th game, made 500 points in five innings, an average of 100, which constitutes the new world's record. The highest run was Sutton's 234, unfinished, last night.

### There is no telling how high he could have gone if the opportunity had pre- sented itself, for he had the balls under perfect control.

### Hoppe's average was 23 2-3, and his high run 52.

### George F. Slosson yesterday won his fourth straight game, defeating Albert C. Cutler in the matinee game, 500 to 346. The winner's average was 14 2-3-34.

### Slosson made 144 points in his first four innings, including a fine run of 93, the fourth inning.

### Cutler's work in the first nine in- nings was poor, as he only made 18 points up to that stage. He redeemed himself in the tenth, however, with a grand exhibition of first class ball line billiards, in which he ran up 94, 93, 40 and 35.

### Cutler's average was 10 16-32 and his high runs 91, 53, 33 and 31.

### George McAllister a farmer of Enos- burg, who tapped 150 maple trees at the beginning of the sugar season has made 150 pounds of sugar and some maple syrup, thus averaging nearly three pounds and a half to a tree. This is the largest yield per tree yet reported in that vicinity.

### "ONE PIECE OF MACADAM"

### Will be Roadbed of Bridge on Harrington Ave.

### YEAR'S APPROPRIATIONS

### Made by Board of Aldermen--Offer of Settlement from J. D. Osola --Earle Cutler Gets Hearse.

### The board of aldermen met in regular session last evening, made the appro- priations for the year, awarded the con- tract for the Harrington street bridge, and read and ordered executed several contracts with appointive city officials.

### The board was in session from 7 until 12, and excepting a woody scrap be- tween the mayor and Alderman Thurston, was of a routine order.

### The water committee reported ad- versely on an extension of the city water pipes 400 feet on West View place, on the ground that the income would not pay interest on the invest- ment. The report of the committee was not signed by Alderman Albisetti. The report was accepted, but not without a protest from Alderman Albisetti.

### The water committee recommended Hattie La Bounty be retained in the water office at a salary of \$35 per month and the report was accepted.

### Chief of Police Brown's report for March was read showing 11 arrests, of which three were for intoxication.

### C. J. Mascetti was granted a license to run an ice cream parlor, S. H. Max- well granted a pool room license and F. C. Joyce a lunch room license.

### A proposition was submitted by J. D. Osola agreeing to accept \$165 from his city for moving last year his houses on Seminary street, after they had been located. The matter was referred to the street committee and city attorney with power to settle for \$165, providing Mr. Osola would all claims and the agreement is satisfactory to the com- mittee and city attorney. It was also voted that a warrant for \$165 be drawn in favor of Mr. Osola.

### A petition for a sewer from Granite street westerly to the house of Mrs. James Matheson was referred to the committee on streets.

### Department Appropriations.

### Appropriations for the various city departments were made for the year as follows:

Assessing taxes	\$1,250.00
Superior streets	30,000.00
Permanent streets	150.00
Lighting streets	3,550.00
Sewers	1,850.00
Surface sewers	1,350.00
Sidewalks	2,400.00
Bridges and culverts	1,150.00
Engineering	1,250.00
Water	22,500.00
Salaries	2,100.00
Miscellaneous	1,500.00
Care and expenses on buildings	4,000.00
Fire and hydrants	9,100.00
Poor	7,750.00
Health	250.00
Business and debts	150.00
Police	3,100.00
City court	900.00
Insurance	345.00
State and county taxes	6,342.57
Printing and stationery	550.00
City records	250.00
Interest	9,100.00
Temporary loan	30,000.00
Sinking fund	6,825.00
Notes and bonds paid	17,334.95
Dog license and damages	450.00
Elections	81.51
Driving license	200.00
Fire station	1,120.00
Schools	23,306.00

### Wants Damages.

### Mr. Barry of Third street presented a bill for damages to his property caused from surface water flowing into his cellar. His bill was for \$350. Referred to street committee and city attorney.

### It was voted to return to James G. Ross the money he paid to Tax Collector Bushman under protest, for taxes for a year he was out of the country.

### Bridge Contract Awarded.

### The meeting of the aldermen was ad- journed and a council meeting was called.

### Bids for furnishing and erecting the Harrington street bridge were opened as follows:

### Berlin Construction Co., \$190, not erected.

### Harrington-Robinson Co. of Boston, L. O. B. case at Barre, \$399.50.

### Canton Bridge Co., erected, \$684.00; erected, but not concrete, \$451.00.

### Groton Bridge Co., erected complete, \$628; erected, but without concrete, \$480.

### Boston Bridge Works, \$350.

### United Construction Co., erected, but without concrete \$402; with concrete, \$6 per yard additional.

### The representative of the United Con- struction Co. said that there would be 23 yards of concrete, making his bid, complete, \$612.

### He was asked how the concrete would be covered, and after quibble, he agreed to make the road surface on the bridge "anything the street committee de- sired."

### It was voted to award the contract to the United Construction Co. at \$612 for bridge complete.

### On motion of Alderman Cutler, who declared he would like to have a little piece of macadam road in Barre to see how it looked, it was voted to have the surface macadam.

### Bids for Driving Hearse.

### Bids for driving the hearse were opened as follows:

### A. W. Badger, \$35.00 a trip.

### L. C. Cutler, \$2.00 a trip.

### It was voted the property committee be instructed to execute a contract with Mr. Cutler.

### Contracts with appointive officers were read and ordered executed between the city and Fred Bruce, superintendent of

streets; Henry L. Smith, city engineer;  
A. J. Stewart, building inspector, and  
C. P. Jones, janitor.

### The proposed contract with Water Superintendent O. C. Russell was the cause of a heated discussion between Alderman Thurston, chairman of the water committee, and the mayor. Mr. Barclay thought the contract was satis- factory if the other arrangements in the office were satisfactory, but if not he thought some modifications should be made. Alderman Thurston contended that the contract was in accord with the vote and expressed wishes of the council. It was finally laid over until the meeting next Tuesday night.

### At midnight the meeting adjourned.

### REED--COLBURN.

### Marriage of Popular Barre Young People This Afternoon.

### Miss Nellie A. Colburn and George A. Reed, both of this city, were married this afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Rev. F. A. Poole, Mr. Poole being the officiating clergyman. The young people were unattended, and only their immedi- ate relatives were present at the cere- mony. The ring service was used.

### Mr. and Mrs. Reed left this afternoon for Plattsburgh, N. Y., where they will visit at the bride's home for a short time, they being forced to cut short their wedding trip, owing to the fact that Mr. Reed leaves early next week for Oregon to take up his new work as an engineer in the U. S. reclamation ser- vice. Mrs. Reed will go to Oregon later.

### Both bride and groom are among the most popular young people of this city. Mrs. Reed is a graduate of Spaulding high school in the class of '97, and of Dartmouth college in the class of 1903, also of Thayer school of Civil Engineer- ing at Dartmouth in the class of 1904. At Thayer school Mr. Reed made a bril- liant record. For the past year he has been employed as assistant city engi- neer.

### The bride in the three years of her residence in this city has made a wide circle of friends. She is a member of Bright Star Rebekah lodge and is a graduate of Plattsburgh high school, and of Albany business college in 1903. For the past three years she has been em- ployed as stenographer at M. M. Gordon's law office, where she has gained the re- putation of being an expert in her work.

### A host of friends in this city will wish Mr. and Mrs. Reed great happiness in their wedded life.

### FRED GOLDSBURY IS HEARD FROM.

### Barre Man, Who Disappeared a Week Ago, Telegraphs for \$8, and Is Expected Home To- morrow.

### John Kerr of Laurel street received yesterday afternoon the following tele- gram:

### "Albany, N. Y. "Send \$8.00 by telegraph to Fred Goldsbury, care of E. G. Goss." This is the first news of Fred Golds- bury since he went away from his home in Barre one week ago today, leaving no word of his intention and taking a con- siderable sum of money with him. Since that time his friends and relatives, who felt very much concerned over the strange disappearance, have been search- ing for him. Police in many cities and towns in this state had been notified, and warned to be on the lookout for him. Mr. Kerr was in Burlington look- ing for traces and returned, unsuccess- ful, to get the above telegram.

### The money was telegraphed to Mr. Goldsbury this morning and he is ex- pected to return to Barre tomorrow morning.

### "Better Farming" Teachers Conducted Lectures.

### Newport, April 18.—The better farm- ing special under the management of the Boston & Maine railroad for the betterment of farming districts arrived at 4:30 p. m. yesterday. The ex- hibits and instructive lectures were in charge of Prof. Hills and a corps of competent assistants from the State Ag- ricultural college of the university of Vermont.

### The train consists of five passenger coaches which are used for exhibits and lectures and are open to the public. Lectures on crop production, horticul- ture, animal husbandry and forestry are held in the cars. There are also ex- hibits of dairying implements, sample crops of corn, wheat and oats, from the agricultural college. In the evening, in- teresting lectures pertaining to modern farming, dairying and forestry were given in Odd Fellows hall by Professors Hills and Jones, and Messrs. Aitken and Hitchcock before a large audience.

### The train visits other towns on the Passumpsic division this week, and it is understood that the Boston & Maine furnish the train and the State Ag- ricultural college the instructors and exhibits in the interests of better farm- ing.

### BEFORE LARGE AUDIENCE.

### George Garry Tried to Swim Ashore for Help.

### Tampa, Fla., April 18.—George Garry, cashier of the Tampa Electric company and recently from Boston, was drowned in Hillsborough bay yesterday while out with a pleasure party. The boat was overturned in rough water. Garry started to swim ashore to secure assistance, after he and J. T. Mahoney rescued the young women of the party and placed them on the upturned boat.

### Mahoney and the women were in the water an hour and fifteen minutes before they drifted ashore.